(b) if so, whether in the light of this report, Government have looked into the adequacy or otherwise of the steps taken to prevent spread of Cholera in Delhi in the light of the experience of outbreak of cholera and other water-borne diseases in 1988; and

(c) what steps are being taken in the light of the heavy toll taken in the Capital during 1988 by these diseases on the eve of and during the summer/monsoon months and how far the same fell short of requirement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The situation was reviewed by the Union Health Secretary in meetings held on 21-5-92 and 29-5-92 with the concerned officials of Delhi Administration, Delhi Municipal Corporation, New Delhi Municipal Committee and Directorate General of Health Services and decisions were taken for comprehensive remedial action for prevent and containment of the outbreak.

The following measures to control water borne diseases are being taken with particular emphasis in J. J. Cluster/re-settlement colonies :

1. Provision of safe drinking water in adequate quantity in all vulnerable areas.
2. Dissemination of appropriate health education through various channels.
3. Surveillance & continuous monitoring of water borne diseases.
4. Regular removal of garbage and desilting of drains.
5. Distribution of chlorine tablets and O.R.S. packets.
6. Ban on sale of exposed/cut fruits and other unhygenic food items.

A Committee has since been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Health) to periodically assess the position and to evaluate & monitor the progress of remedial action taken.

Incidence of Malaria in Vasant Kunj

30. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express dated 25th June, 1992 about the incidence of Malaria in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi ;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against the Civic Authorities responsible for giving misleading information about the incidence of Malaria ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes.

(b) A team of Malaria workers from the Municipal Corporation of Delhi deployed to investigate and take necessary containment measures as under :—

1. Mass survey of the area, collection of blood slides from fever cases.
2. Anti-Malarial measures were intensified and BHC residual spray was carried out in labour huts.
3. Indoor Pyrethrum spray was carried out in the positive case house and 50 houses around it.

(c) Does not arise.

Appalling Conditions in the G.T.B. Hospital, Delhi

31. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express dated 14th June 1992, regarding appalling conditions in the Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi,

besides a medicine racket involved in the stealing and selling of Hospital medicines; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) The Guru Teg Bahalur Hospital caters to the public of the Trans Yamuna area as well as the neighbouring States and has facilities to provide diagnostic and curative treatment in all major specialities. The casualty of the Hospital is reasonably well equipped and plans to augment the services are already prepared to be executed during the VIII Plan.

Whenever any acts of indiscipline occur action has been initiated promptly. No specific complaint of Stealing medicines and selling them elsewhere has been brought to notice of the authorities. CT Scan facilities are not presently available in the Hospital but all patients from the weaker sections are referred to private institutions for free diagnosis on specialist's advice.

Shortage of Medicines in Hindu Rao Hospital

32. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of medicines, staff and other essential requirements in Hindu Rao Hospital in Delhi;

(b) whether Government have examined the working conditions of the Hospital, and

(c) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to remove the deficiencies so as to provide adequate medical facilities to the patients ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) Municipal Corporation of Delhi have informed that there have been occasional shortages of some medicines at Hindu Rao Hospital due to non-execution of supply orders by the suppliers. Necessary action to fill up the vacant medical and non-medical posts has already been initiated. The working of the Hospital is under constant watch and expeditious steps are taken to rectify deficiencies.

Strike by C.G.H.S. Staff

33. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times and the period for which strikes were called on by the doctors and other staff of C.G.H.S. during the last one year;

(b) what are their demands;

(c) whether any settlement has been arrived at;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) In the last one year, the CGHS doctors went on strike once for 18 days in November, 1991 and other CGHS staff twice i.e. in September, 1991 and May, 1992, for 1 day and 28 days respectively.

(b) The main demands of the CGHS employees *inter-alia* include three promotions to all CGHS employees discussion on the Staff Inspection Unit report norms proposed therein and review of the working hours of CGHS dispensaries

(c) and (d) Yes. It was decided that efforts would be made for getting favourable consideration of the Association's legitimate demands.

(e) The question does not arise.